

N. Camden patrol spells 'respect'

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CAMDEN — United in the damp night air, a civilian army marched through the rain-slicked streets of North Camden to ensure Saturday night would not be one of mischief.

Armed with flashlights were the self-proclaimed protectors of North Camden — store owners, parents, neighborhood residents, teachers and clerg.

More than 200 people, many marching with clenched fists and determined stares, bunched in rain gear and meticulously patrolled the North Camden neighborhood left charred and devastated by vandals on Michief Night 1991.

For these concerned North Camden neighbors, there would be no arrests, no violence, no destruction of property this Michief Night.

"Respect. It's all about respect," Angel Jimenez said as he stood guard at the corner of 7th and State streets.

"In 1981, people lost their homes, their lives were put in danger because some people decided to destroy."

"People don't want that to happen again," Jimenez said. "People don't want their loved ones to lose their homes or be in danger."

The call for peace was clear throughout North Camden. Walking side by side with police, the marchers scanned the streets and cars.

Their bright orange flashlights scanned rooftops, illuminated blackened porches and potted plants.

"These people are not here because they care. These people are part of the solution to the problems in Camden City," David said as he guided the group up Park Street.

"For too long, the good people in Camden sat back and let the evil continue to hurt life here," Sister Crowley said. "There are so many good people in Camden City. These good people can combat the evil."

At the foot patrol blanketed through the 4th, 6th and 7th Street neighborhoods.



By Tom Moxley, Courier-Post

Nobody home: Police and volunteers inspect a crawl space Saturday night in North Camden.

North Camden, civilian car patrols, manned by more than a dozen members of Hispanic Unidos International, joined police patrols in guarding the 7th Street neighborhood.

Sam Plaza, who lives above his beauty shop at the corner of Seventh and State streets, coordinated the civilian car patrol effort from his shop. At least 12 cars in the Hispanic civic group's patrol effort sported CB radios for Michief Night duty.

"We are out here protecting North Camden. We want to protect our homes, our property, our loved ones," Plaza said as he peered out into Seventh Street from his store's brightly lit porch.

"If our car patrols see any criminal activity, they'll radio it into our base and we'll determine whether to call the police or the fire department," Plaza said.

"Hopefully, we won't have any bad problems with fires or any other criminal acts tonight," Plaza said. "If we do, though, we are ready for them."

Volunteer Luis Reyes, 33, was equally confident about the massive neighborhood effort.

"We can take this on. We can walk the streets together and protect our homes," Reyes said as he marched down State Street. "We can take a stand and we will do whatever it takes to make sure nobody destroys our area ever again."



By LARRY SHAW for the Courier-Post

On stage: Tanika Cuff takes part in a dance performance at the Halloween festivities at Bonaiss Elementary School in Camden.

Party-going youngsters go wild with costumes

By DIANE MONAGHAN JOHNS
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CAMDEN — Eleven-year-old Keith Randalls was uncomfortable.

He wasn't used to the polka toes of his one-inch pumps and his ponytails had been forming heavy wrinkles around his entire all afternoon. He had given up on his black wig hours ago and it was now stuffed into his leather purse with his city-on earrings.

Still, it was a Halloween party, so he decided to put up with it. The party Randalls attended was one of 17 organized by Camden's Department of Community Services as part of its Halloween Safe Haven program.

The parties were held Saturday at various city schools as a way to keep kids off the streets on Michief Night and in a safe environment.

At Bonaiss Elementary School, more than 300 children turned out for the festivities. The costumes ranged from the mild, like Barney and Kermit the Frog, to the macabre, like skeletons and "killer clones." Some were store-bought while others were handmade.

Volunteers served hot hot dogs, soft pretzels and caramel apples while a Chinese dance troupe entertained the children.

"The purpose of this event is to give kids something fun to do while keeping them safe," said party organizer Anthony Wallers. "We also want to show them that everyone's pulling together for them so they'll grow up to be good people with positive role models."

Parent Keith Kirkland decided to make the party a family affair. Although he admitted he was

having only an "OK" time, he said his three young children were really enjoying themselves. "And that's all that matters," he said.

Some parents brought their children to the party in line of taking them out trick-or-treating.

"I don't believe in going out for Halloween anymore because it's just too dangerous," said Joy Levy, a special-education teacher who brought her 6-year-old daughter Ashley and 4-year-old son Ray to the event.

Although there were many activities planned for the party, such as games and a costume contest, some had to be dropped for lack of time. Event organizers said they were pleased with the turnout but had not counted on such a large number of children attending.

"The party went well but was a bit chaotic at times because the children really outnumbered the volunteers," said event organizer Linda Sistrunk.

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